

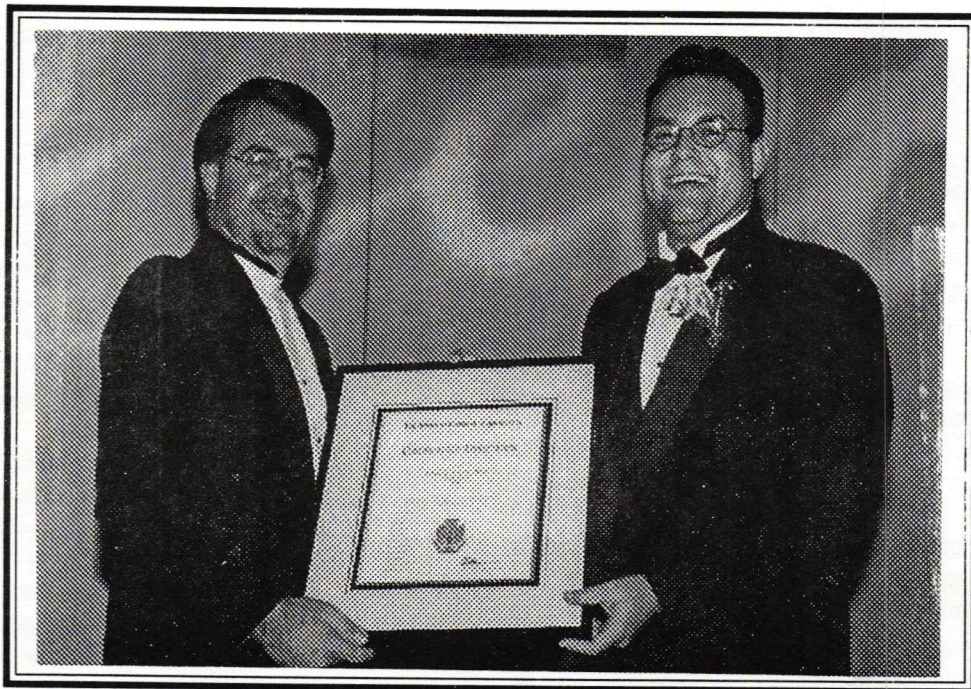
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The Orderly Transfer of Office: Our thanks to Eric Strain, AIA for his service to the Chapter as President during 2000, and congratulations and welcome to David Frommer, AIA who will fill the office for 2001. See pages 4-5

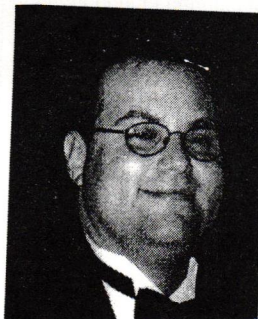
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AIA LAS VEGAS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DAVID FROMMER, AIA
PRESIDENT, AIA LAS VEGAS



A new year has begun for AIA Las Vegas and we find our organization in a strong position to capitalize on opportunities for service to the membership and to the community. Eric Strain, our "multifaceted" past president, has set the stage for some substantial developments, and the 2001 Board of Directors has planned a stellar year of programs and events.

Members can look forward to the publication celebration party for the upcoming inaugural issue of *Architecture Las Vegas* magazine, as well as programs to include design lectures, panels regarding conducting business/providing professional services in Nevada, a growing continuing education offering and a rapidly developing intern design competition. Members can also look forward to one of the strongest architectural scholarship programs in the nation, an established high-school outreach/scholarship program, an entirely new and more efficient sponsorship program, the always well-conceived and well-produced design awards program, and the ever popular golf and putting tournaments, among other education, social, professional and business development programs and events.

While I may fail to list all of the exceptional programs and events AIA Las Vegas will be producing or supporting, I would like to invite all members to participate this year. Particular care has been taken to present the membership with a broad range of programs and events that will satisfy a wide range of interests.

Furthermore, this organization truly reflects the interests and participation of its membership. I encourage all of you to choose a program committee or event development team that is of personal or professional interest to you, so that you may assist in shaping the programs and events in a way that meets your particular needs.

Please accept my sincerest gratitude for allowing me to be of continued service to the chapter. I hope to continue the tradition of vital and devoted leadership to the membership that has been established by my esteemed predecessors. I am also looking forward to continued fellowship and cooperation with the many dedicated members who selflessly give their time and energy to ensure the growing success of the AIA Las Vegas.



NEW AIA MEMBERS:

We are very pleased to welcome these new members to the AIA Las Vegas Chapter.

Architect:

Patrick Batte', AIA
City of Las Vegas
Don Chandler, AIA
Park Place Entertainment
Christopher Larson, AIA
Dekker/Perich/Holmes/Sabatini
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BRIEFS:

As we begin this new year we have reason to CELEBRATE AND CONGRATULATION many of our members.

CONGRATULATIONS to Eric Strain, AIA, ericStrain Architects, upon being selected to design the Lynn Bennett Early Childhood Education Center on the UNLV campus.

CONGRATULATIONS to Windom Kimsey, AIA and to Bill Snyder and everyone at Tate & Snyder for becoming Tate, Snyder, Kimsey Architects.

CONGRATULATIONS to Michael Crowe, AIA and to JMA Architecture Studios. Michael has moved to JMA to head their Government Projects Studios.

Also, Converse Consultants has announced that Gregory Fehr, Senior Project Manager of Metallurgy will be providing training to the Panama Canal Engineering staff in Panama City, Panama under a contract initiated by the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE).



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AIA NEVADA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ED VANCE, AIA
PRESIDENT, AIA NEVADA



As I enter office this year, I will naturally be reporting to you during the next 12 months on our ongoing legislative affairs efforts (the primary function of the AIA Nevada). In addition I plan to work closely with both local Chapter Presidents and the Executive Directors to promote a more productive and informative state chapter for all members.

During the past several years our three chapters have been working more closely together than ever before and our state chapter has taken on what I view as the three most important statewide responsibilities that will further unify our state efforts. They are: 1. The AIA Nevada Awards Program, 2. The AIA Nevada Web Site, and 3. The AIA Directory.

As many of you already know, our local chapters will host the AIA Nevada Awards program during alternating years. This past year was our first endeavor and the Northern Nevada Chapter did a terrific job hosting the program in Sparks, Nevada. This year, President David Frommer and AIA Las Vegas will have their work cut out for them trying to top last years event. This program comprises the AIA Nevada Design Awards as well as the AIA Nevada Services Awards.

The AIA Nevada Web Site was successfully created and launched late last year. You can visit it at www.aianevada.org. It along with the Northern Chapter's website and the future AIA Las Vegas' website will be hosted by a common provider (Bidiwa). This common provider will ensure a consistency in presentation and a continuity in the information provided. It will contain current events, schedules, a listing of the current board of directors and committee chairs and provide links to our local, regional and national chapter's web sites as well as a link to the Nevada State Board of Architecture's web site.

Finally, the AIA Directory. This year, thanks in large part to Randy Lavigne, the AIA Directory is bigger and better and will serve the entire state membership more comprehensively than ever before. It is scheduled to be out sometime in early February. This is something that I am personally looking forward to with great anticipation.

With the year 2000 now safely behind us, I believe we can all look forward to a prosperous and fruitful new year. I refer not only to our practices but to the business of our Chapter as well. I want to take this opportunity to not only thank last years entire board for their diligent efforts, but to express my sincere respect for last year's President, Angela Biggotti, AIA.

She not only provided this chapter with the excellent leadership we've come to expect from her over the years, but she did while starting a family. Congratulations Angela. I'm confident this past year's events have brought new meaning to the word "Balance" for her.

In closing, I look forward to being your President for the year 2001 and pledge to continue the balanced and productive efforts of the last administration. Happy New Year.

LAS VEGAS CHOSEN FOR 2005 AIA NATIONAL CONVENTION

At the first meeting of the 2001 AIA National Board of Directors, Las Vegas was chosen as the very first "wild card" location for the AIA National Convention in 2005.

Only four cities are designated as National Convention sites, however, the Board has voted that every fifth year a "wild card" city will be selected. During a brief 90-second presentation at the National Board meeting, newly elected WMR Director, Brad Schulz, AIA stated that, "it is only right that the first "wild card" city should be Las Vegas." Evidently, the whole Board agreed, because even though our competition was strong - Miami and other major resort locations - when the vote was taken, Las Vegas won by a landslide.

This is a great honor for the Chapter and will certainly generate national attention for our city and its architecture. We will need the enthusiastic support of all members to plan and present the most fabulous AIA National Convention ever. Join the "task force" now. Contact Randy Lavigne at 895-0936.

JOHN D. ANDERSON, FAIA TAKES OFFICE

John D. Anderson, FAIA, of Denver was inaugurated as the 77th president of the AIA during ceremonies held December 2nd at the Organization of American States building in Washington D.C. Anderson succeeds Ronald L. Skaggs, FAIA and will represent more than 66,500 members of the Institute through 2001.

ONE NUMBER TO CALL FOR AIA

The AIA has created a new "Information Central" desk to make it easier for members and the public to get information about the Institute and the profession. One number - 800-AIA-3837 - is all you need to know.

NEW AIA MEMBER NUMBERS ASSIGNED

The AIA has a new membership database system. Because it requires a shorter series of numbers than the previous system, all AIA members will have new membership numbers. You will find your new number on your membership renewal invoice which was mailed at the end of 2000. You will receive a new membership card when you renew your membership. Although the AIA/CES files have been updated with the new numbers, you can still access your transcripts using the old number.



AN ORDERLY TRANSFER OF OFFICE?

In our nation's capitol, an orderly transfer of the most powerful office in the world is underway....and so too, here in Las Vegas. It's out with the old and in with the new...though our "political viewpoints" are perhaps not as explosive as those in Washington. But, when we transfer office.... we do it right!!

The AIA Holiday Celebration and Installation of the 2001 Board of Directors was a fabulous affair. The Aladdin Grand Ballroom provided an excellent location and the dinner was nothing short of a gourmet delight.

In addition to recognizing and thanking all the members and sponsors who made our 2000 a great year, there were many additional highlights during the evening.

Newly elected WMR Director, Brad Schulz, AIA announced that Las Vegas has been selected as the first "wild card" location for the AIA National Convention in 2005.

Ed Vance, AIA officially took office as President of the AIA Nevada Chapter for 2001.

The newly elected Directors of the Las Vegas Board were sworn into office and toasted with champagne. We gratefully acknowledged the years of service provided by the retiring members of the 2000 Board - Curt Carlson, AIA, Eddie Cervantes, Assoc. AIA, Anthony Young, AIA and Ed Vance, AIA. -- and welcomed the 2001 Board members.

David Frommer, AIA, 2001 AIA Las Vegas President, announced his engagement to Heather Curry.

And, finally....the surprise tribute to Eric Strain, AIA brought tears of laughter to our eyes. David Frommer's photo essay on Eric's diverse and many, heretofore unknown, talents was a fitting and funny recognition of Eric's years of service to the Chapter.



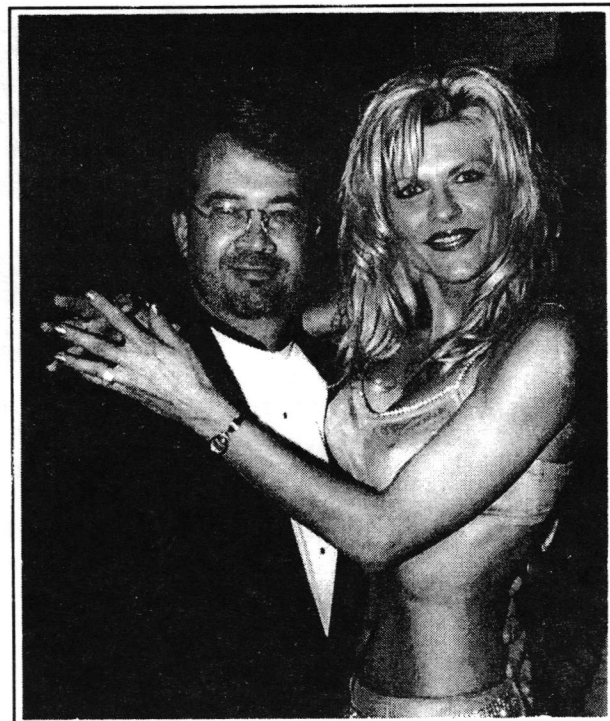
David Frommer AIA accepts the President's gavel from now Past President, Eric Strain, AIA.



Many glamorous members and guests attended this gala celebration.



Glamorous People!!!
Mr. & Mrs. Jess Holmes, FAIA



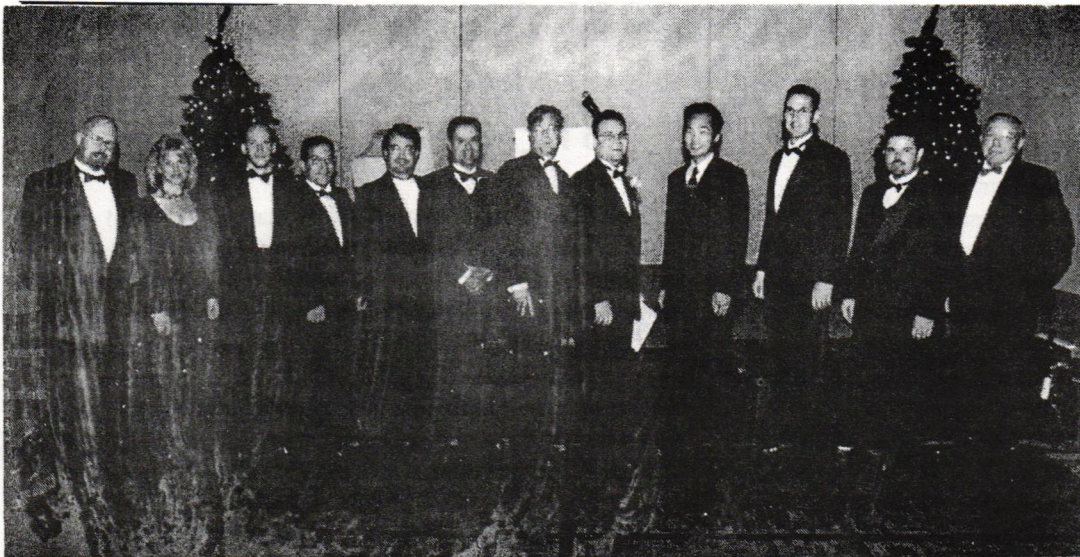
Pamela Anderson Lee appreciates Eric Strain's many talents and congratulates him on receiving a fitting tribute for his service to the Chapter.



Here's to a great year for us all! 2001 Board members Dwayne Eshenbaugh, AIA, Brandon Sprague, AIA, Jose Gamez and Mike Andersen, AIA drink a toast to the new year.



Glamorous People!!!



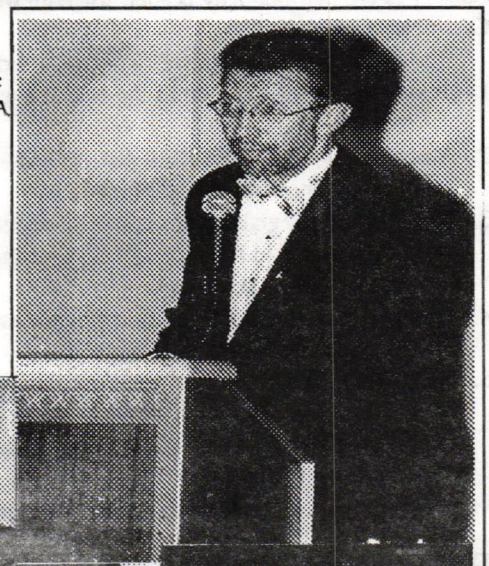
A thank you
kiss for Kelly

The 2001 AIA Board of Directors: (l-r) Steven Richardson, AIA; Carol Coleman; Todd Vedelago, AIA; Mike Andersen, AIA; Eric Strain, AIA; Jose Gamez; Brandon Sprague, AIA; David Frommer, AIA; Simon Kim, AIA; Dwayne Eshenbaugh, Assoc. AIA; Alfredo Alcantar, Assoc. AIA; Dale Scheideman, AIA (Not pictured Larry Staples, AIA who was caught in a snow storm in Iowa.)



WMR Director, Brad Schulz, AIA announcing that the 2005 AIA National Convention will be held in Las Vegas.

Edward A. Vance, AIA speaking as the newly elected President of AIA Nevada.



David Frommer, AIA and Heather Curry whose engagement was announced at the AIA Holiday Celebration.



More Glamorous People!!!



Jeanne Brown, UNLV Architecture Studies Librarian is happy to accept this year's AIA donation



AIA GROWTH & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

Michael Crowe, AIA

As we begin this "Legislative Year" we are gathering our forces and the AIA Las Vegas Growth Committee and the AIA Nevada Legislative Affairs Committee are working very closely together to monitor all the issues that will affect the profession and the development of southern Nevada. In addition, we are establishing liaison representatives with ACEC (American Consulting Engineers Council), AGC (American General Contractors) and the SNASLA (Southern Nevada American Society of Landscape Architects).

The election brought only a few new faces to the state legislature and only a couple of changes with regard to Committee Chairs. Richard Perkins will be Speaker, Barbara Buckley is the new Majority Leader, Joe Dini will head the Commerce Committee.

The current legislative issues we are discussing include:

1. **Design-Build** - an update to the NRS338 which is being proposed by ACEC.
2. **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)** - Clarifying compliance issues and procedures.
3. **Tort Reform** - legislation to correct defects before litigation. Continuing to monitor and support through our current AIA position statement.
4. **Document Ownership** - establishing a position statement with regard to this vital issue.
5. **NEA (proposed) 4% Business Tax** - monitoring to determine exactly how this tax or any portion of it would be allocated to directly educate and benefit the children of Nevada.

Join us for "Legislative Affairs" Day on March 8th, 2001.

REID SECURES EDUCATION & HEALTH CARE DOLLARS

Nevada's schools won big in the final budget package that passed the Senate. Senator Reid, who helped to shape the bill, secured \$10 million to establish a national dropout prevention strategy. This funding is vital for Nevada, which leads the nation in dropouts. Reid also secured funding to help McDermitt Middle School and Searachlight Elementary buy laptop computers for every student.

Other items included in the bill are : \$7.6 million to hire new teachers to reduce class sizes, \$5.5 million for school renovation and \$17 million in college Pell Grant Funding.

Health care delivery efforts in Nevada got a major boost from the FY 2001 Labor/HHS/Education appropriations bill. The University Medical Center of Southern Nevada will receive funding to help meet the region's growing demand for maternal and neonatal services. The UNLV Cancer Center will receive funding to improve their laboratories and office space, while UNLV Nevada Telemedicine Network will receive funding to provide clinical, consultative and medical education to patients and health care professionals in rural Nevada.

2001 AIA NEVADA LEGISLATIVE POSITION STATEMENTS

Legislative Affairs Day is March 8th, 2001 and we need all AIA members to participate. There is strength in numbers ...so let us try to be very strong. Travel with us to Carson City for a full day of concentrated efforts on behalf of the profession. The following AIA position statements will be presented to our State Senators and Assembly Representatives for the purpose of bringing their attention to our professional concerns. If you would like to be a part of our Legislative effort, contact R. Lavigne at 702-895-0936.

TORT REFORM

The American Institute of Architects, Nevada Chapter, (AIA Nevada) **supports** legislation which is intended to streamline the process of identifying and resolving claims regarding construction defects. We believe neither the public, the property owner, the construction industry, nor the design profession is served well by lengthy and expensive litigation that often occurs when construction defects are involved.

AIA Nevada Supports the notion that contractors are responsible for their actions within the parameters of established standards of construction and design professionals are responsible for their actions within established parameters of care. We support a method for responsible contractors and design professionals to meet their obligations to society while identifying and isolating frivolous claims which are time consuming and expensive to settle.

Plaintiffs should be required to notify the contractor or design professional of a claim, and allow the accused party to offer settlement in a reasonable time period. If settlement is not reached mediation should be required prior to arbitration or litigation unless waived by all parties.

HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION SUITS

The American Institute of Architects, Nevada Chapter, (AIA Nevada) **supports** legislation which is intended to standardize the process of resolving claims from homeowners' associations regarding construction defects. We do not believe the public, property owners, the construction industry nor the design professional is served by the present system.

AIA Nevada proposes three modifications to the existing system.

If the result of a civil trial reveals construction defects and either the contractor or the design professional is held liable, the defect is to be corrected, or money to correct the defect is to be put in an escrow account which sole purpose is to correct the defect by those held liable. We feel, for the public good, if a construction defect is found it should be remedied. Homeowners may be compensated for their legal expenses and representation, and expenses for any time they may need away from their home while repairs take place.

We feel this would provide a fair and equitable means for correcting construction defects protecting the homeowner and the public.

2001 AIA NEVADA LEGISLATIVE POSITION STATEMENTS

QBS: QUALIFICATIONS BASED SELECTION

The American Institute of Architects, Nevada Chapter, (AIA Nevada) **supports** the State's existing law which requires qualifications based selection for the procurement of architectural services. It provides the best value to the taxpayers for the public building process.

The QBS procedure recognizes that design professionals play a critical role in the public building process and that acquiring architectural services is a very specialized type of procurement. The quality of the design services provided by the architect is the single most important factor in determining the overall construction costs and life-cycle costs of a building. Since design services represent only a small percentage of the initial construction budget, it is in the best interest of the taxpayer to ensure that the most qualified firms are selected for public projects.

Studies have shown the use of QBS for public building is more efficient and less costly than a selection system that uses prices as a primary criteria. The American Public Works Association, APWA, whose more than 25,000 members represent the public works industry, has adopted the policy recommendation that architects selection be based on qualifications and competence, not price. Using qualifications based selection for architects does not mean that price is ignored, APWA emphasizes. A realistic price is mutually agreed upon once details on the kinds and extent of consultant work required have been established.

A QBS system for the procurement of architectural design services, NRS 625.530 and NAC 723.800 has shown itself to be a good system that works well for the citizens of Nevada. AIA Nevada supports the continued use of this system for publicly funded construction projects.

DESIGN - BUILD PROJECT DELIVERY SYSTEM

AIA Nevada understands a benefit of the Design - Build system is the potential of saving time and controlling construction quality. Consequently, AIA NEVADA will **support** legislation which allows the Design - Build Delivery system to be utilized for specific CIP projects if the following requirements are included *to assure the public safety and the protection of the interests of all involved parties.*

A. A "Qualifications Based Selection" system is utilized to insure user and agency Expectations are fulfilled. Qualifications include design experience, ability to control project quality and cost, project management experience, and team building capacity and history.

2001 AIA NEVADA LEGISLATIVE POSITION STATEMENTS

B. A detailed program statement is included in each request for proposal. It will include detailed descriptions of expected physical requirements, project budget and quality standards.

C. Nevada licensed architects, engineers and/or contractors may act as construction managers and leaders of a Design-Build team.

D. In accordance with existing NRS requirements, Design Professionals and Contractors must be included in a team when work within their licensed discipline is required to execute the design and construction of the project.

LIEN RIGHTS

The American Institute of Architects, Nevada Chapter, (AIA Nevada) **supports** legislation which allows and affords Architects the ability to secure and subsequently perfect lien rights relative to and in relation to work performed by the design professional prior to the commencement of construction. AIA Nevada believes that a property owner who engages the services of a design professional prior to the commencement of construction realizes a measurable benefit to the value of the property and the efforts of the design professional in many instances provide the property owner with a heightened ability to demonstrate the potential and viability of a project long before construction commences on a project.

Under current legislation the design professional does not have any lien rights against a property owner that engages the services of a design professional and decides not to commence construction after valuable services are rendered to the property owner. In effect, the design profession is at the mercy of the property owner to receive compensation for work and services performed by the design professional prior to the commencement of construction.

AIA Nevada supports the position that the services rendered by a design professional prior to the commencement of construction should be afforded the same lien rights enjoyed by the design profession after construction commences. AIA Nevada supports the proposed legislation which will recognize that the services rendered to the property owner by the design profession prior to the commencement of construction are of value and without which the construction would never commence.

DOCUMENT OWNERSHIP:

The position statement on this issue is currently being re-written and will be included in the next newsletter.

2000-2001 MEETINGS AND EVENTS

JANUARY MEMBER LUNCHEON

"The Selection Process for Public Projects"

11:30AM, Wednesday, January 17th

Sponsored by Carson Construction Management, Inc.

Here's a chance to talk directly to the representatives of the Public Works Departments for Clark County, City of Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, and Henderson...all together in the same room.

Ted Olivas and Ralph Bond, AIA from Clark County; David Loge, AIA from the City of Las Vegas, Bob Harary from North Las Vegas and John Simmons from the City of Henderson, will take you through the whole process and answer your questions regarding the methods and criteria used for the selection of firms for their projects.

The Luncheon and Panel Discussion of "The Selection Process for Public Projects" is scheduled for 11:30AM to 1:30PM on Wednesday, January 17th at The Ritz of Las Vegas, located at 3360 East Flamingo. (Corner of Pecos & E. Flamingo in the Renaissance III Shopping Center.)

Of course, the program is registered for AIA CE credits so make your reservation today by calling 895-0936. You must RSVP by January 15th. No charge for AIA members. Non-members, guests and walk-ins are \$25.00 each. (RSVP no show's will be invoiced.)

ARCHITECTURE Las Vegas

Publication Celebration Reception

6:00PM, Wednesday, January 17th

UNLV School of Architecture - Auditorium

JANUARY KLAI::JUBA LECTURE

"Katrina Ruedi"

7:00PM, Wednesday, January 17th

Katrina Ruedi is currently the Director of the School of Architecture at the University of Illinois at Chicago. She holds a PH.D. from the Bartlett-University College in London and she is an architect and member of the Royal Institute of British Architects. Ruedi has written extensively on issues tied to contemporary architectural practices and architectural theories as well as questions of sexuality, gender and representation. Ruedi was a founder of the Desiring Practices Project (1995), a project that brought together a diversity of architects, artists and theorists, which culminated in a series of widely acclaimed symposium events and a book by the same title (1996). She has also published articles in a wide array of journals including the AA Files, Innovative Austrian Architecture, and Daidalos. Ruedi's work challenges established notions of architecture, architectural practice and architectural education through insightful critique and innovation.

Meet Katrina Ruedi and discuss her work at the Klai::Juba Lecture on Wednesday, January 17th. This lecture is open to all AIA members, non-members, students and the public. RSVP's appreciated - Call 895-0936.

FEBRUARY MEMBER MEETING

"The 2000 Design Awards Review"

6:00PM, Wednesday, February 21st

Sponsored by Revit Technology Corporation

Whether or not you attended the 2000 AIA Nevada Design Awards (in Reno) this year, you'll want to attend the February Membership Meeting and hear the "JURORS" discuss the project submittals and the jury process that led them to select the recipients.

Sandy Miller, AIA (Professor CalPoly); and Kristine Woolsey, AIA (D. Kristine Woolsey Architect, Scottsdale, AZ) and Danelle Guthrie (Guthrie + Buresh, Los Angeles) will discuss their "jury experience" and the submittals, as well as offer their opinions on what constitutes a winning submittal. This is a very valuable interactive opportunity and we hope you will plan to attend and participate.

The meeting will begin with the reception at 6PM, followed by dinner at 7PM and the "2000 Design Awards Review" at 8PM. The location will be announced as soon as confirmed. Make your plans to attend and RSVP early.

Of course, the program is registered for AIA CE credits. There is no charge for RSVP'd members. Non-members, guests and walk-ins are \$35.00 each. (RSVP no show's will be invoiced.)

GRASSROOTS 2001

The Grassroots Annual Leadership and Legislative Conference will take place on Wednesday, February 14, through Saturday, February 17, at the J.W. Marriott Hotel, Washington, D.C.

The conference will feature an increased emphasis on AIA legislative issues, workshops on leadership and component operations and management, and information on AIA program initiative.

Your Nevada representatives will be calling on Senator Harry Reid and newly elected Senator John Ensign, as well as Representatives Jim Gibbons and Shelley Berkley. The Nevada contingent will consist of Ed Vance, AIA, President of AIA Nevada; Mark Johnson, President-elect, AIA Nevada, Brad Schulz, AIA, WMR Council Director, Michael Crowe, AIA, State Government Affairs Representative, Marty Harsin, AIA, President-Elect AIA Northern Nevada, David Frommer, AIA, President, AIA Las Vegas, Brandon Sprague, AIA, President-elect AIA Las Vegas and Randy Lavigne, Executive Director.

If you have questions or issues of particular concern regarding the profession and legislative affairs, please contact the AIA Nevada office at 702-895-0936 so that these can be incorporated into the Washington agenda.

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JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

‘THE SELECTION PROCESS FOR PUBLIC PROJECTS’

An open discussion with....

Ted Olivas and Ralph Bond, AIA from Clark County
Dave Loge, AIA and Sam Tolman, AIA from the City of Las Vegas
Bob Herrera from North Las Vegas
John Simmons from the City of Henderson

...regarding the methods and criteria used in the selection of architects for their projects.

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By January 15th

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7:00 PM

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By January 15th

BRT SHELTER
IDEAS COMPETITION
2001

\$1,000.00 CASH PRIZE (for Traveling)

ENTRY FORM

Individual Entry _____ OR 2-person Team Entry _____ Date: _____

1ST CONTACT NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

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2ND CONTACT NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

TEAM NAME: _____

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Upon registration of your entry form, you will receive additional information and instructions for entering your project.

DEADLINES:

Competition Announced:	January 17, 2001
Deadline for Registration:	March 7, 2001
Deadlines for Entry:	April 4, 2001 School of Architecture Library

Thanks for entering.

COMPLETE THIS FORM AND FAX to 895-4417

QUESTIONS????

Contact....

Program Chair: Dwayne Eshenbaugh, Assoc. AIA - 263-7111

David Frommer, AIA - 435-7234

Announcing the 2nd Annual AIA LV Intern Design Competition

BRT SHELTER IDEAS COMPETITION

Purpose

This is the second annual AIA/Las Vegas Traveling Fellowship Ideas Competition. The prize will be awarded to the most creative and competent project submitted. However, AIA/Las Vegas encourages designers to determine what level of reality best responds to the competition.

Eligibility

This competition is open to any person who:

1. Is not a licensed architect.
2. Has a four-year degree **OR anyone who has been working full-time, continuously for three years (minimum) under the direct supervision of a licensed, Nevada Architect.**
3. It is not a requirement to be an associate member of the American Institute of Architects.

All projects may be submitted and completed by individuals or by a two person team. Teams larger than two persons are not permitted.

Award

\$1,000 cash prize to be used for travel. The recipient is then responsible to document and present their travel (and learning experience through the travel) to the AIA membership at a selected membership meeting. Also, if scheduling permits, AIA/Las Vegas will display the winning project in the School of Architecture Library.

Schedule

Competition Announced: January 17, 2001
Deadline for Registration: March 7, 2001
Deadlines for Entry: April 4, 2001 **School of Architecture Library**

Jury

Three architects nominated by the AIA Board. One representative from the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC). One other member to be selected by the Chair of the Ideas Competition Committee.

Program

The Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC) is planning to institute a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system for bus riders on the Las Vegas Strip. This system will be described in the program issued on January 17, 2001. RTC is looking for innovative new bus stop shelter designs that provide expanded service to riders and fit within the context of the Las Vegas strip.

The bus shelters must offer environmental comfort, advertising opportunities, bus map dispensing, vending opportunities, clear signage for routes and services offered and a dispenser for bus tokens. The bus shelter must be made from easily manufactured parts and must be vandal resistant. The bus shelter is intended to be of innovative and evocative design and must somehow dialogue with the unique design opportunities inherent in the Las Vegas Strip.

Presentation

All information shall be submitted on two (2) 30 x 40 boards, mounted vertically. Presentation content may be continuous (across both boards) or may be presented as two individual boards. Participants may present three-dimensional material via photographs firmly attached to the boards. All boards must have the name(s) of the entrant(s), the name of the competition, the due date of the submittal and the words "American Institute of Architects - Las Vegas" on each of the boards. For press release and publication consideration, presentations should be reproducible in black and white.

To Enter - Complete the entry form on the reverse side and fax to the

AIA Las Vegas Office - 895-4417

QUESTIONS???? Contact.... Program Chair: Dwayne Eshenbaugh, Assoc. AIA - 263-7111
OR David Frommer, AIA - 435-7234

2000-2001 MEETINGS AND EVENTS

MARCH KLAII:JUBA LECTURE

"Dana Cuff - Practice & Ethics"

6:00PM, Wednesday, March 28th

Dana Cuff, Professor of Architecture and former Interim Chair at the University of California, Los Angeles, has actively followed the development of the architectural profession through her research, teaching and practice. In her most recent book, Cuff traces the effects that post-WWII development, particularly the persistence of temporary housing, has had on the urban landscapes of Southern California. Previously, Cuff was awarded the International Architecture Book Award by the AIA (1992) for her book titled "Architecture: The Story of Practice." In writing this book, Cuff chronicled the everyday world of professional practice and explored the complex social art of design. Cuff's work illustrates the variety of concerns that face both today's architecture students, as well as practitioners, and helps to shed new light on how design problems can be resolved, how clients and architects can better relate to one another and how design excellence can be achieved.

This Klai::Juba lecture serves as the first of a two-part seminar on Practice and Ethics. Attend the Dana Cuff lecture on Wednesday evening, March 28th. On Thursday, March 29th, join the AIA Las Vegas Membership Meeting for a reception and tour of the West Sahara Library and further discussion on Practice & Ethics with Garth Rockcastle, FAIA and Ms. Cuff.

MARCH MEMBER MEETING

"Practice & Ethics - Further Discussion"

Educational Seminar

Garth Rockcastle, FAIA & Dana Cuff

6:00PM, Thursday, March 29th

Garth Rockcastle, FAIA, Principal, Meyer, Scherer & Rockcastle, Ltd., Minneapolis, Minnesota will be the featured speaker at this special AIA Meeting/Seminar. Noted Professor and writer Dana Cuff will join Mr. Rockcastle in the continuing discussion of "Practice & Ethics". The program will focus upon the changing nature of architectural practices, ethics and education.

Garth Rockcastle designed the Sahara West Library and has written extensively on professional practice and on ethics within the profession. He is a practicing architect, lectures widely and is the Founding Director of Continuing Professional Studies at the University of Minnesota.

The Reception will begin at 6PM and to the extent possible, Mr. Rockcastle will provide a tour of the West Sahara Library. The "Practice & Ethics - Further Discussion" program will begin at 7:30PM

Don't miss this opportunity to meet with two of the foremost spokespersons on ethics and practice. RSVP to the AIA office at 895-0936

2001 AIA LV INTERN DESIGN COMPETITION - WIN \$1,000.00 TO TRAVEL

AIA Las Vegas is proud to present the 2nd Annual Intern Design Competition, which offers a cash prize of \$1,000.00 to be used for traveling and exploring architecture in other cities. (Last year's winner - Rene Abarca - went to Mexico City and will provide details on his adventure at the April meeting.)

Dwayne Eshenbaugh, Assoc. AIA is the Chair of this year's program and, together with David Frommer, AIA, has designed an interesting and challenging ideas competition.

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Architectural interns, defined as individuals who attended or are attending an undergraduate or graduate level school of architecture, 3rd year students or unlicensed architects who work for an architectural firm are eligible to enter. Interns do not hold professional licensure in any country or state but are involved in the profession of architecture at a pre-professional, educational or institutional level.

Also, projects may be entered by individuals or by 2-person teams. (Team can not be more than 2 people.)

The competition opens on January 17th. Entry registration closes on March 7, 2001 and projects are due on April 4th, 2001 in the UNLV School of Architecture Library.

The jury will consist of three local architects (nominated by the AIA LV Board of Directors), one representative from the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) and one other member selected by the Committee Chair.

Entries are to be submitted on two (2) 30 x 40 boards, mounted vertically. Presentation may be continuous (across both boards) or may be presented as two individual boards. Three-dimensional material via photographs may be firmly attached to the boards.

To enter use the handy entry form included in this newsletter or contact Dwayne Eshenbaugh, Assoc. AIA - 263-7111 or the AIA office 895-0936. Complete the entry form and fax it to 895-4417. You will receive full information and instructions regarding the competition.



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ARCHITECTURE Las Vegas PUBLICATION CELEBRATION

Also, plan to attend the **Publication Celebration Reception** which will be held on Wednesday, January 17th, 6PM (just prior to the Katrina Ruedi Lecture) at the UNLV School of Architecture. Come and help us to celebrate this momentous event for the Chapter and the community.

Please RSVP to 895-0936 by January 15th

THE NEW AIA NEVADA WEB SITE

www.aianevada.org - Check it out.

The new AIA Nevada Web Site is up and running. In addition to basic Chapter and Calendar information, the site features the winning projects from the 2000 AIA Nevada Design Awards. The image of each project, with firm identification and award, changes every 15 seconds in a continuing cycle.

There are also links to AIA National, AIA Northern Nevada, the WMR site, the Nevada Board of Architects, Interior Design and Residential Design, and the UNLV Architecture Studies Library.

It is a great site. Check it out.

Also watch for www.aialasvegas.org coming soon. The site is in the works now so if there is a feature that you would like to see incorporated, please contact Randy Lavigne at 895-0936 or email: rlavigne@aianevada.org and provide your views.

If you would like your firm to be linked to the AIA Las Vegas site, please provide your web site information to the AIA office as well.

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THE "ORAL HISTORY" PROJECT

*WHAT HAPPENED? WHEN DID IT HAPPEN?
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The Architecture Studies Library, in conjunction with AIA Las Vegas, is initiating this ORAL HISTORY PROJECT for the purpose of documenting the architecture profession in Las Vegas over the past 50 years. This is something we can not do alone. We need your help. Every AIA member - Architect, Associate and Allied - has important information to share and stories to tell. Your memories... recollections....and experiences are very valuable ...and we want you to share them with us....the community....and future architects and design professionals.

Do you have anecdotes to share? Do you know any architects who could talk about their past experiences.... every insight ...every era.... project... firm..... partnership.... day to day operations stories..... helps to build the history. Would you be willing to be interviewed? ...or perhaps you would like to be the "interviewer"? (self-nominations gratefully accepted). Can you think of specific incidents, eras or times that we should definitely explore? Can you add to, or clarify the questions, we're planning to ask. (See the insert in this newsletter.) Would you be willing to operate the video or audio equipment during an interview? We definitely want your participation....in what ever capacity suits you best.

Give us your feedback. Contact Jeanne Brown, Head Librarian, UNLV Architecture Studies Library -
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HIGHEST AIA HONOR TO MICHAEL GRAVES, FAIA

Michael Graves, who has designed office buildings, museums, homes and even whistling tea kettles for the Target discount chain, has been awarded the American Institute of Architect's highest honor.

Graves, 66, of Princeton will become the 58th recipient of the Gold Medal when it is presented February 16th in Washington. He will join the ranks of Frank Gehry, Thomas Jefferson, Le Corbusier and Frank Lloyd Wright.

"Michael Graves has done more for the advancement of the profession of architecture than any other architect of his time," said Eugene C. Hopkins, an AIA board member.

Graves has been involved in such projects as the Disney corporate offices in Burbank, California; the Netherlands Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport at the Hague; and the eye-catching scaffolding for the renovation of the Washington Monument.

Graves has received more than 120 awards and citations, including the National Medal of Arts, presented by President Clinton in 1999.

UNLV NEWS

By Professor Attila Lawrence
Interim Director, UNLV School of Architecture

The bedrock of the School of Architecture's progress is the fully committed and significant relationship with the professional community, from which individuals are invited to draw on their impressive achievements as part-time educators. The work that is being produced by the students is resonant of the unique perspectives these professionals bring to each student's learning experience. More important, however, the practitioners' teaching approaches, which James Banner and Harold Cannon in their book, *The Elements of Teaching*, characterized as a gift of one person to another: a "...compassionate extension of self in acknowledgment of the needs and aspirations of someone else...for habits of mind and heart and powers of thought." The value these professionals bring to the education of the students in collaboration with an exemplary and supportive core faculty is clearly confirmed by a record enrollment that places the School of Architecture among the top three fastest growing academic units at the University. Equally important is the social relevance of student work, which was noted by Mayor Oscar Goodman during his recent visit to the final jury presentations and by the subsequent Las Vegas Sun news article. As the School of Architecture continues to evolve as an inter disciplinary learning landscape shaped by the acquisition and application of new knowledge, increasingly it will provide more opportunities for practitioners to acquire knowledge, skills, and resources to enrich the value of their professional services. The following may be of interest during the Spring, 2001 Semester:

Dana Cuff, Professor of Architecture at the University of California, Los Angeles and **Garth Rockcastle, FAIA**, Principal, Meyer, Scherer & Rockcastle, Ltd., Minneapolis, Minnesota will be featured speakers focusing upon the changing nature of architectural practices, ethics, and education. This event is tentatively scheduled for the 29th of March at the Sahara West Library.

Andrew Dennis, Vice President and Director of Architecture and Product Design, Paul Steelman Design Group, will be teaching furniture design. The course is structured with an emphasis on the development of creative strategies to develop next generation products. The course may be taken on an undergraduate or graduate level.

Richard Beckman, Associate Professor of Architecture at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas will be offering a new course, Developing Sustainable Design. The course, a distillation of his year's work on sustainability during his leave this past year, explores the issues, alternatives and opportunities of sustainable design. Topics include: product reformulation, green buildings and architects, and sustainable communities.

Todd-Avery Lenahan, President, ABA will be teaching professional practice. The innovatively structured course will explicate "cutting-edge" models of practices in the providing of professional interior design/architecture services.

Robert Dorgan, Visiting Lecturer, School of Architecture at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas will be offering a new course, politics in architecture. The course was awarded an AIA Education Honor in 1998, and focuses on those often overlooked political contexts in which architecture maneuvers.

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AIA CONVENTION OFFERS GREAT VALUE TO ARCHITECTS

Many architects consider the National AIA Convention the preeminent educational and networking event of the year. It offers attendees a wealth of opportunities to voice their opinions, bone up on policies and techniques, see new products, and touch bases with some of the best minds in the business—their peers. That's why many are already making plans to attend the 2001 Convention next May 17 - 19 in Denver.

Each year, the general sessions offer architects a chance to discuss and vote on issues that affect their industry. "I like getting involved in the decision-making that happens on a national level," says Paul Menard of Paul Menard Architects in Carmichael, Calif. "It's interesting to see how the rest of the country feels about these issues."

The continuing education seminars are a big draw, too. Anne Smith of Kolman & Smith Architects in Savannah, Ga., tries to keep up on environmental, ADA, and code topics, all of which—and many, many more—are available at the Convention. "The educational content is so wide that you can pick and choose. There's always something that interests you," says Janet Hahn Lougee of Chicago-based Hahn Lougee & Associates.

The exhibit hall offers attendees an opportunity to see some of the best products on the marketplace. For the first time ever, the AIA 2001 Convention will offer a Green Products Pavilion, too, for attendees interested in products made of reclaimed, recycled, and sustainable materials.

And, as in past years, the National Convention will offer various roundtables, receptions, parties, and athletic events so attendees can interact with their peers. For many architects, networking is the most valuable aspect of the show.

"As a sole practitioner, I don't get much opportunity to interact with others, so I really welcome it at the Convention," says Barbara Smith Mishara of Barbara Smith Mishara Architect in Brooklyn, N.Y. "It's a good way to recharge my batteries." Smith points out that the National Convention is her only opportunity to see some of the friends she's made over the years as the show travels from city to city.

With its revitalized Lower Downtown area, distinctive skyline, and various historic districts framed by the majestic Rocky Mountains, Denver is an attractive reason to go West for the 2001 Convention. "Denver's very laid-back, which is refreshing," says Lougee. The city's gone through a significant amount of change lately, and it will be interesting to see it." Attendees will be able to join tours featuring Denver's historic—and innovative—architecture.

For more information about the AIA 2001 Convention & Expo, call the AIA Convention Hotline at 202-626-7395. Or visit www.aiaconvention2001.com later the beginning of January 2001 for complete up-to-the-minute convention information and to register online.

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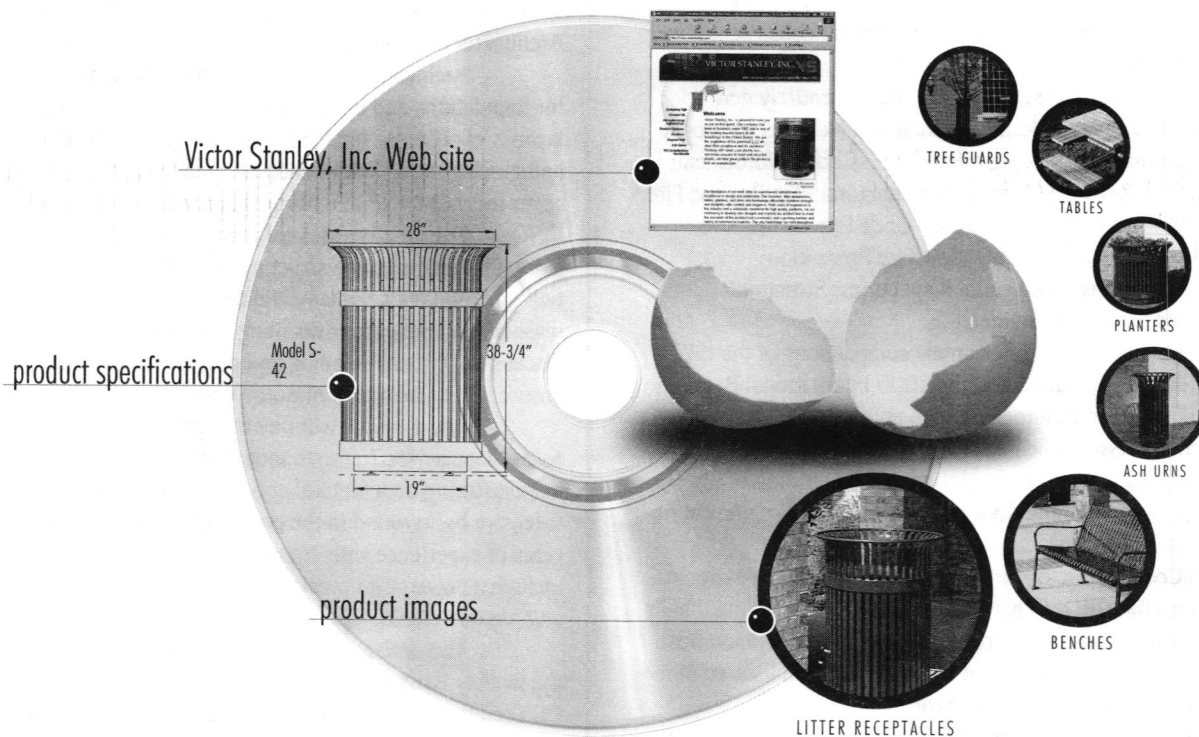
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CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

EDU-CODE International

The Southern Nevada Chapter of ICBO will host its fourth annual EduCode International code education program from January 30 to February 2, 2001. During the four-day program, a wide range of topics will be offered that have been designed to meet the education and training requirements of inspection, construction and design professionals.

Many popular classes are back, plus an entirely new seminar track on fire prevention, for a total of 44 classes to choose from. The 11 seminar tracks being offered are: Code Enforcement; Architectural Plan Review; Advanced Architectural Plan Review; Fire Protection Engineering; Fire Protection - Code Provisions; Fire Protection - Plan Review; Fire Protection-Fire Prevention; Commercial Inspections; Residential Inspections; Structural Inspections; and Structural Engineering.

Several classes will offer timely comparisons of the 1997 Uniform Building Code (UBC) and the 2000 International Building Code (IBC). This year's architectural plan review track consists of four entirely new classes. The new fire protection track on fire prevention includes classes on the design and integration of life safety systems, outdoor and indoor pyrotechnics and fire prevention programs for at-risk groups.

EduCode instructors are highly experienced professionals, many affiliated with ICBO, BOCA, NFPA and IFCI, and all nationally recognized in their fields of expertise. CEU's are available for most classes. The program will be held at the Riviera Hotel, located in the heart of the world famous Las Vegas Strip.

The EduCode conference fee is \$300.00 for the full four-day program and \$100.00 for each one-day seminar. You may register on-line at www.educode.org, or you may obtain an EduCode International brochure and registration form by calling (702) 615-3264 or by sending an e-mail message to: educodeintl@hotmail.com

In conjunction with the conference, the third annual EduCode Trade Show will be held at the Riviera Hotel on Tuesday, January 30. Interested exhibitors may call Bill Laub, Jr., of Southwest Gas Corporation at 702-365-2024.

ONLINE JOURNAL OF ECOLOGICAL DESIGN

Architects, designers and everyone interested in the environment should visit ecotECTURE.com. This site offers readers the power to solve real world environmental problems by providing them with timely, critical information about this rapidly developing field of environmental and ecological design.

The site has been up since January 2000 and has met with great enthusiasm from the design professions. Some of the most noted writing talents and pioneers in environmental and ecological design have contributed to the site.

Currently the site offers the latest in news, editorials, reviews and global statistics. Current issues cover EcoCities, Permaculture and Alternative Energy. Online courses in environmental design will be offered during the first half of 2001.

Visit www.ecotecture.com

DESIGNING WITH INNOVATIVE ARCHITECTURAL CONCRETE BLOCKS

Trenwyth Industries will provide an AIA CE Luncheon on Thursday, January 18th entitled "Designing with Innovative Architectural Concrete Blocks for Buildings that Last".

Architects today are no longer just using concrete blocks for foundations and basements. Architectural blocks are animating facades of schools, supporting the columns of healthcare facilities, and gracing the arches of shopping malls. In this program, we will cover the vast range of units available and their potential uses.

The creative uses for architectural blocks are only half the story. Building masonry structures to look good for the life of the building requires a fundamental understanding of the enemies of masonry and the proper detailing to protect your walls. We will discuss the critical detailing and project management which will ensure lasting beauty of masonry units.

The program will be presented by Scott Springs, Regional Sales Manager for Trenwyth Industries, Inc., the national leader in manufacturing architectural concrete blocks. Mr. Springs has an extensive background in the construction industry, including eight years of experience with Trenwyth products. The seminar will include a powerpoint presentation, a question and answer session and a group discussion.

The time and location of the luncheon will be confirmed in the January issue of The Forum. The program is registered for 2 AIA CE Credits. Please call Scott Springs or Diane McAvoy at 800-331-9823 for information and registration.

EMERGENT BUILDING TECHNOLOGIES CONFERENCE

In Las Vegas, February 12-13 - presented by the McGraw-Hill Construction Information Group and the National Systems Contractors Associations, to study cutting-edge technologies and their incorporation into real buildings. For registration and further information visit www.emergentbuildingtech.com

COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN NEVADA

Spring 2001 Classes at the Community College of Southern Nevada will begin on January 22nd. The Ornamental Horticultural Program provides certificates and degrees in Ornamental Horticulture with specialization in Floral Design, Landscape management and Landscape Design/ Contracting. Specific questions concerning these programs may be directed to:

Flora Design - Carolyn Fowler 651-3067

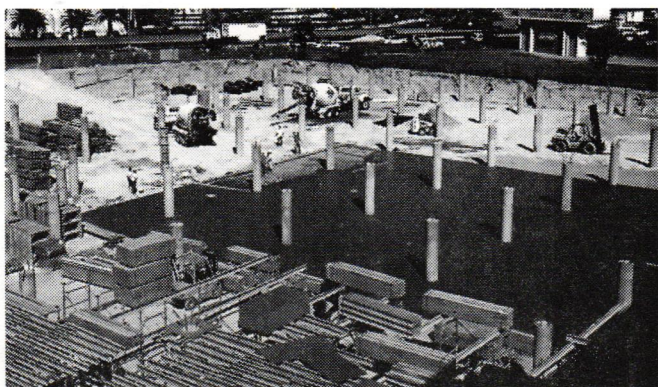
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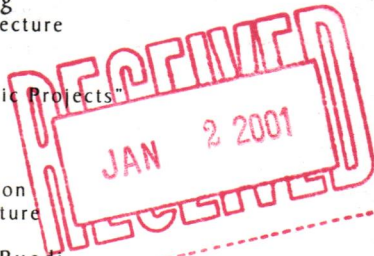
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CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 9 AIA Las Vegas Board Meeting
11:30A - UNLV School of Architecture
- 17 AIA Membership Luncheon
"The Selection Process for Public Projects"
11:30AM The Ritz of Las Vegas
- 17 ARCHITECTURE LAS VEGAS
Publication Celebration Reception
6PM - UNLV School of Architecture
- 17 Klai::Juba Lecture - Katrina Ruedi
7PM Lecture - UNLV Architecture Studies Library
- 18 AIA Nevada Ex Com Meeting
11:30A - School of Architecture
- 18 C.E. Luncheon - Trenwyth Industries



FEBRUARY

- 13 AIA Las Vegas Board Meeting
11:30A - UNLV School of Architecture
- 14-17 AIA GRASSROOTS CONFERENCE
Washington, DC
- 21 AIA Membership Meeting
6P - "2000 Design Awards Panel Discussion"
Location- TBD
- 22 AIA Nevada Ex Com Meeting
11:30A - School of Architecture
- 22 C.E. Luncheon - Subject TBA

MARCH

- 13 AIA Las Vegas Board Meeting
11:30A - School of Architecture
- 15 AIA Nevada Ex Com Meeting
11:30A - School of Architecture
- 28 Klai::Juba Lecture - Dana Cuff
"Profession & Ethics"
6PM Reception / 7PM Lecture
UNLV School of Architecture
- 29 AIA Membership Meeting
6P - Garth Rockcastle & Dana Cuff
Sahara West Library - Reception, Tour and
Panel Discussion on the Profession & Ethics

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